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The Chinese Communist Ministry of Public Security issued an order [redacted] to the Public Security Departments of the major military districts and the Public Security Administrations of directly-controlled municipalities prohibiting free travel in Sinkiang Province. The order stated that members of the general public should not be permitted to travel in Sinkiang Province without adequate justification for making the trip. In addition, travel permits obtained from Public Security Administrations above the hsien level would be required for entry to Sinkiang.

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[redacted] Comment. This order restores for Sinkiang Province the "Liberated Areas Travel Permit System" which was generally abolished after the Chinese Communist seizure of mainland China. Its purpose is to maintain secrecy for national defense activities which take place in Sinkiang. The order applies to all persons in China, including residents of Kansu Province.

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